

Sermon Notes

The Good Shepherd: Part 3

April 9th – 10th, 2022

- **The Good Shepherd: Recap**
- Perhaps the most important thing you need to get right is who you trust.
 - This series is about making sure that we are trusting in and following Jesus.
 - Not Christian culture, celebrity pastors, church, politics, internet/media misinformation.
 - Jesus was dealing with religious dysfunction: inappropriate blame, missing the point, threats and power plays, boldness covering ignorance and insecurity. (normal stuff that shouldn't be in church.)
 - He addressed it with **John 10:1-6**.
 - They didn't get it, so Jesus continues...that's what we talk about today
- **The Good Shepherd: Part 3**
- **John 10:7-10**
 - Jesus is the Gate. That signifies safety and pasture/provision. Jesus bring life to the full.
 - The Pharisees (false religion) are the thieves and robbers. That steals, kills, and destroys.
 - Note, **John 10:10** is not talking about the devil...though that fits. It's about bad religion.
 - What a shocking contrast under one banner.
 - Christianity can never give you what Christ can, if you know what I mean.
 - Don't let bad religion steal, kill, and destroy when Jesus can give you life to the full.
- **John 10:11-13**
 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not just a hired hand.
 - The love of the Good Shepherd is profound. He lays down his life for the sheep.
 - The hired hand does not. Is that me?? I hope not.
 - Hireling story...come on man.
 - But I tell you, it doesn't matter how good of a pastor you have. They are nothing compared to Jesus!! Don't substitute in a good pastor for the Good Shepherd in your life!
 - Sometimes people won't talk to a staff pastor, they want me. That's cool. But the top dog at Good Hope is Jesus himself. Make an appointment with him!
- **John 10:14-16**
 - The Good Shepherd knows the sheep and the sheep know him.
 - Jesus knows you, get to know him. Pray, seek, worship, ask, knock, obey, serve.
 - Another sheep pen...that's the gentiles!! Yay!! We all get our chance!!!!
 - One flock and one shepherd!! So beautiful, but destroyed by false religion.
- **John 10:17-18**
 - Palm Sunday. Holy Week. That's what Jesus is talking about. The New Covenant in his blood. Testified to by the power of his resurrection!
 - Celebrate the sacrifice and victory of Jesus this week! Good Friday at St. Paul's.
- Closing Scripture: **John 10:19-21**
 - They were divided back then just like we are today. Where do you fall?
 - If bad religion has hurt you, condemn it like Jesus did but run to the Savior that loves you.
 - If you have rejected God because of bad religion, look to Jesus. **Romans 2:23-24**
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.